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# DEATH OF THE VENOMVERSE

KILL.
ALL.
VENOMS.

THIS IS HOW IT BEGINS.

...ALREADY SERVIN' ELEVEN CONSECUTIVE LIFE TERMS!

MIGHT AS WELL MAKE IT AN EVEN DOZEN!

EH? TH-THE NIGHT! IT'S--

--ALIVE!

ALIVE?

ALIVE?!

THIS IS HOW IT ENDS.

SLSSSGK

YEEEAARRGH!

WHAT IS THIS?

"ALIVE."

NOT HARDLY.

YOU WERE NEVER MEANT TO SEE ANOTHER DAY.

NOT EVER.

WHO ARE YOU?

YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH.

BUT NOT FROM ME.

ME? I'VE GOT PLACES TO BE.

AND VENOMS TO KILL.

DISGRACED REPORTER EDDIE BROCK STUMBLED UPON AN AGGRESSIVE ALIEN ORGANISM CALLED A SYMBIOTE DURING ONE OF THE LOWEST POINTS OF HIS LIFE. THE TWO WERE JOINED AND USED THEIR COMBINED LUST FOR VIOLENCE TO MAKE THEIR CITY SAFER AS THE LETHAL PROTECTOR, VENOM. EVENTUALLY, EDDIE WOULD ASCEND TO THE THRONE OF KING IN BLACK, THE KING OF ALL SYMBIOTES IN THE HIVE. BUT THERE IS ONE SYMBIOTE, OUTSIDE OF THE HIVE, THAT HAS PLANS FOR EDDIE BROCK...

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THE CARNAGE SYMBIOTE HAS FOUND A NEW CALLING: KILL. ALL. VENOMS.

ITS RAMPAGE STARTED BY CONSUMING THE POWERS OF OTHER VILLAINS IN THE MARVEL UNIVERSE; NOW IT HAS SET IT SIGHTS ON TAKING DOWN VENOM, EDDIE BROCK, THE KING IN BLACK.

TO START? RIDDING THE MULTIVERSE OF ANY AND ALL VENOMS.


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"WE'RE TOO LATE."

THEY PUT UP A *FIGHT* THOUGH.

THESE SCORCH MARKS...

...LOOK LIKE *LASER BURNS.*

*AGENT VENOM.*
*ANNE WEYING.*
*EARTH-1051.*

THIS GEAR... IT'S WAY BEYOND ANYTHING ON *OUR* WORLD.

MIGHT'VE TAKEN CARNAGE BY SURPRISE.

MAYBE HE GOT *FRIED.*

YEAH.

DIDN'T THINK SO.

WE COULDN'T GET *THAT* LUCKY.

IT LOOKS LIKE...

...SOME SORT OF RACCOON.

HOW DID A RACCOON GET A SYMBIOTE?

INFINITE UNIVERSES...

...MEAN INFINITE POSSIBILITIES.

INFINITE VENOMS.

INFINITE?

THP THRRP THPP

I DON'T LIKE THAT.

IT MAKES US SOUND SO DAMN...

...EXPENDABLE.

HOW MANY IS THAT NOW, VIRUS?

TWELVE?

TWELVE VENOMS FROM TWELVE DIFFERENT REALITIES.

"AND HE'S NOT SLOWING DOWN."

CARNAGE!

BUT I SAW YOU DIE!

I KILLED YOU MYSELF!

I'M NOT YOUR CARNAGE.

I BELONG TO NO ONE.

MY LIFE IS MY OWN.

WHAT DOES HE WANT?

HE'S ALWAYS BEEN A KILLER.

THIS TIME, THOUGH, HE'S SO METHODICAL.

SO FOCUSED.

WHAT DOES HE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH?

"MAYBE FOR THE FIRST TIME..."

THAT'S IT. YES.

FIGHT, WOLVERINE!

TO BE HONEST, YOU HAVE NOTHING TO OFFER ME...

...BUT A CHALLENGE.

"...THIS IS ABOUT MORE THAN MURDER."

HE'S TRAINING.

HONING HIS SKILLS.

PREPARING FOR A FIGHT.

A FIGHT WITH WHO?

DON'T CARE WHO YOU ARE!

A CLONE.

A VARIANT.

A BAD DREAM.

I PUT YOU DOWN ONCE.

I CAN DO IT AGAIN!

SLLSSH

ANYONE HE'D TYPICALLY WANT TO FIGHT...

...HE'S CUTTING DOWN...

...REALITY BY REALITY.

HE'S ALWAYS BEEN **STOPPED** BEFORE.

MAYBE HE WANTS TO MAKE SURE THAT **DOESN'T** HAPPEN AGAIN.

NO.

I'M SORRY.

NO.

YOU'VE **NEVER** FACED **ME.**

YOU'VE NEVER FACED **ANYTHING** LIKE...WHAT I'M **BECOMING.**

MY GOD--

AND HER SYMBIOTE.

THERE'S NO SIGN OF SYMBIOTE DNA. NO CODEX.

IT'S GONE...EVERY **CELL** OF IT.

ALL RIGHT, CARNAGE!

YOU WANT TO *PLAY ROUGH?*

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE EXPECTING...

...BUT I'M NOT THE RUN-AND-HIDE TYPE OF *ANT-MAN!*

EVERYWHERE HE GOES, EVERY *UNIVERSE* WE VISIT-- *DESTRUCTION.*

THAT PART OF HIS M.O. *HASN'T* CHANGED, I GUESS.

LOOKS LIKE *GIANTS* WERE BATTLING HERE.

THIS ISN'T YOUR DAY, PAL.

I'M *NOT* AN ANT YOU CAN *CRUSH* UNDERFOOT.

I'M THE ANT WHO CRUSHES *YOU!*

ALL THIS... AND IT WASN'T ENOUGH.

YEEEAAARRGH!

BEST MAKE THIS QUICK.

WE'RE **STRANGERS** IN THIS UNIVERSE.

WON'T TAKE THEM LONG TO FIGURE OUT WE AREN'T **SUPPOSED** TO BE HERE.

THEY DON'T CARE.

SHUNK SHUNK

THEY ONLY WANT TO KNOW THAT THIS SORT OF THING **WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN.**

THEY'RE IN LUCK, THEN.

IT **WON'T.**

CARNAGE **GOT** WHAT HE WANTED FROM THIS REALITY.

HE WON'T BE COMING BACK HERE.

THAT'S IT, THEN.

ONCE THIS WORLD'S THROUGH WITH VENOM...

...THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT US...

...AND WE DON'T CARE ABOUT THEM.

VIRUS. EARTH-1051.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.

I KNOW.

IT'S JUST... HOW MUCH CAN WE TAKE?

HOW MANY VENOMS...HOW MANY MULTI-VERSAL VERSIONS OF OURSELF... DO I HAVE TO SCRAPE OFF THE PAVEMENT?

SOMETIMES... I FEEL LIKE... WE'RE USING THEM AS BAIT.

WE'RE GETTING CLOSER.

I HAVEN'T PINPOINTED HOW HE'S JUMPING FROM REALITY TO REALITY...

...BUT CARNAGE LEAVES MULTI-DIMENSIONAL FOOTPRINTS EVERYWHERE HE GOES.

ANOTHER JUMP...MAYBE TWO...AND WE'LL CATCH UP WITH HIM.

AND WE CAN END THIS.

DIMENSIONAL SHIFT IN THREE...

...TWO...

...ONE...

LET'S FIND THIS MONSTER...

"...AND PUT HIM DOWN."

THIS ONE.

MANIA.

YES.

THIS ONE HAS POWER.

I CAN FEEL IT.

AS SOON AS I ARRIVED.

YOU CAN'T HIDE IT.

POWER.

POWER... THAT BELONGS TO ME!

SHNK!

SHNK

THRNK

WHAT THE--?!

YOU'RE MINE!

WHUUF!

WHOA!

FWOOSH

WH-WHERE DID HE--?

HNNGH!

...I'LL DO ALL THE HELLISH THINGS YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN DOING!

YOU DON'T DESERVE SUCH POWER!

ONCE I'VE CLAIMED IT...

...ONCE I'VE TAKEN YOUR GIFTS AS MY OWN...

YEAAARGH!

THUD

AAAHAHAHAHA! MORE...VENOMS...

Y-YOU THINK...

...I DON'T WANT THIS?

YOU THINK...

...THIS ISN'T WHY I'M HERE?

BLAM BLAM BLAM

AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED...

...YOU'RE HERE FOR TARGET PRACTICE.

C-COACH?

NOT QUITE.

WWWSSSH

WE'RE HIT!

GONNA TAKE 'ER DOWN!

THNK

MEET US ON THE STREET FOR EXTRACTION!

MINE!

BLAMBLAMBLA

DON'T WAIT FOR ME!

GET MANIA... AND HER HELL-MARK...OUT OF HERE!

I'LL KEEP CARNAGE BUSY!

DON'T BE SO SURE.

URRGGK!

WHO ARE YOU, LITTLE VENOM?

THIS ISN'T YOUR WORLD.

YOU'RE...

...FOLLOWING ME.

A WORTHLESS ACT OF SELF-SACRIFICE.

SLLLSH

CIRCLE TAKES THE SQUARE.

KLK

WA-BOOM

IS THAT IT?

DID YOU GET HIM?

IS HE TOAST?

I DOUBT IT.

WHO ARE YOU?

YOU'RE NOT MY VENOM.

YOU DON'T SOUND LIKE HIM.

MY NAME IS ANNE WEYING.

I'M A FRIEND.

MY REALITY'S AGENT VENOM.

WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET HIM GET YOU.

I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT.

BUT YOU'RE ONLY POSTPONING THE INEVITABLE.

FOR ALL OF YOU.

CONTROLS HAVE TAKEN SOME DAMAGE.

IT'S GOING TO TAKE A SECOND TO RUN A BYPASS.

HOLD TIGHT.

THAT THING... IT'S STILL COMING FOR ME.

I CAN SNIFF YOU OUT...THREE LITTLE VENOMS FOR MY TALLY...

ITS NAME IS CARNAGE.

MAYBE YOU DON'T HAVE ONE IN THIS WORLD.

AND WE WANTED HIM TO FOLLOW US DOWN HERE.

WANTED TO BRING HIM...

"...INTO THE KILL BOX!"

AGENT SPIDER-MAN. PETER PARKER. EARTH-1051.

AGENT DEADPOOL. WADE WILSON. EARTH-1051.

AYE-AYE, CAP'N.

AGENT HAWKEYE. CLINT BARTON. EARTH-1051.

ALL RIGHT, TEAM.

TEAR THIS GUY APART.

EXTREME PREJUDICE.

ON MY MARK.

NOW THIS...IS MORE LIKE IT!

MARK.

BRAKKABRAKKAB

WHAT GOOD DO BULLETS DO?

HMM?

WHEN THERE'S NO WEAK, WEAK HOST WITHIN?

WHAT DID HE SAY?

NO HOST?

LOOK OUT!

SHGNNK

THHNNNK

GET US OUT OF HERE!

TRYING TO GET A LOCK.

IT'S... IT'S GOT ME!

SPLLUT

YEEAAAAGHH--

JERK MOVE!

CUTTING MY PAL PETE IN HALF LIKE THAT!

GONNA RETURN THE FAVOR!

SGGKKLLL

EW! GROSS!

HGGGRK!

WE'VE GOTTA HELP THEM!

WAIT!

DO NOT ENGAGE!

HE'S AFTER YOU FOR YOUR POWERS!

THROK

HEY!

YOU PICKED A FIGHT WITH ME!

LET'S GO!

SCHNK SHNNNK SHNNNK

WE'RE READY TO JUMP!

WE... FAILED.

HE KILLED HER.

HE... ABSORBED HER POWERS.

WE GOTTA GO, BOSS. PUNCH IT, VIRUS!

I RID MYSELF OF THE WEAKNESS OF A HOST!

NOW... I'LL CONTINUE TO RID MYSELF OF EVERY OTHER WEAKNESS!

THEN... I'LL RID THE MULTIVERSE OF EVERY VENOM!

STARTING WITH YOU!

EEEEEEEEEEE

S-S-SONICS.

DIRTY TRICK.

ONE THAT'S NOT GONNA L-LAST.

"ONE...THAT WON'T SAVE YOU NEXT TIME."

UNNNFFH!

WE'RE CLEAR!

PORTAL'S CLOSING!

HE'S NOT FOLLOWING!

THAT LAST BLAST TOOK A LOT OUT OF HIM.

HE'S STILL WEAKENED BY SONICS.

AT LEAST WE'VE--

GET OFF!

I'M ALL RIGHT.

I CAN STAND ON MY OWN.

I DON'T NEED HELP.

S-SORRY.

NO. IT'S ALL RIGHT.

I JUST...

...I THOUGHT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SAVE HER.

IF WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

...HIT-AND-RUN TACTICS AREN'T GOING TO WORK ANYMORE.

WE NEED TO HIT CARNAGE... HARD.

AND FOR THAT...

...WE'RE GOING TO NEED EVERYONE.

IT'S WORSE THAN THAT THOUGH.

I THINK... AND I DON'T KNOW HOW...THIS CARNAGE SYMBIOTE IS WORKING WITHOUT A HOST.

HE'S... FREE.

HE'S MORE POWERFUL NOW THAN EVER BEFORE.

AND HE'S GETTING STRONGER BY THE MINUTE.

BY THE KILL.

HE'S HUNTING ANY VENOM WHO CAN BOOST HIS ABILITIES.

AND THOSE WHO CAN'T...HE'S USING TO TEST HIS NEWFOUND POWERS.

AND WE ARE THE LAST LINE OF DEFENSE?

I...

...I DON'T KNOW IF WE'LL BE ENOUGH.

WE WERE CLOSE THIS TIME, BUT WE STILL FAILED.

WE LOST THE ASSET.

THE ASSET?

WHO WAS IT?

WHO'D HE KILL THIS TIME?

MANIA.

WHAT DID YOU SAY?
MANIA?
ANDI?
YOU WENT AFTER MANIA... AND YOU LEFT ME ON THE BENCH?
IT WASN'T YOUR MANIA.
YOU THINK THAT MATTERS?
I KNOW IT DOESN'T.
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, THOMPSON.
WE'RE GETTING BETTER AT TRACKING CARNAGE'S MOVEMENTS, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE KNOW WHO HE'S TARGETING.
IF I HAD KNOWN, THOUGH, I MIGHT HAVE LEFT YOU BEHIND ANYWAY.
IF YOU COULDN'T KEEP YOUR COOL, WE WOULD HAVE LOST YOU TOO.
THERE ARE OTHERS OUT THERE.
OTHER SYMBIOTES WITH REAL POWER.
WITH UNGODLY POWER.
AND WE'VE GOT TO PROTECT THEM.
WE'RE GOING TO STOP HIM.
AND WE'LL SAVE AS MANY VENOMS AS WE CAN ALONG THE WAY.
BUT WE HAVE TO BE SMART.
ALL RIGHT.
BUT YOU'RE NOT SIDELINING ME.
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT.
IF WE'RE GOING TO HELP OTHERS, I'M COMING WITH YOU.
EVERY JUMP.
AND WHO KNOWS...

"...I MIGHT EVEN BE ABLE TO GET A LITTLE **PAYBACK** ALONG THE WAY."

KRAKKA-BOOM

MUST PURGE **WEAKNESS.**

SONICS.

FIRE.

SHRAKKA-BOOM

**LIGHTNING,** THOUGH, MIGHT BE A **NICE ADDITION** TO THE **COLLECTION.**

FIRE FROM THE SKY!

THUNDERLIGHT!

BOLTS FROM THE BLUE!

SHZL-KOW

ZRAKKA

YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES?

TO RIDE THE LIGHTNING?

TO CONTROL THE HEAVENS?

COME AND GET IT!

SHRA-THOOM

WHAT?

WHERE IS HE?

WHERE DID HE--?

SPIDER-MAN!

YAAARRGH!

WASN'T SURE.

THOUGHT IT MIGHT KILL ME.

WORTH IT.

STILL NOT SURE IF IT WILL.

THE DIE IS CAST!

YOU STRIKE ONE OF US DOWN...

...YOU MUST STILL FACE THE REST OF THE HIVE...

...THE REST OF--

--THE SYMBIOTE SIX!!

TO BE CONTINUED...

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